

## EXTENDED CARE CO-PAYMENT

1. The non-exempt veteran is obligated to pay a monthly extended care co-payment amount only to the extent the veteran and the veteran's spouse have available resources. Available resources means the sum of the income of the veteran and the veteran's spouse, minus the sum of the veterans allowance, the spousal allowance, and expenses.

2. For the purposes of determining available resources:

**a. Income** means current income including, but not limited to: wages, income from a business (minus business expenses), bonuses, tips, severance pay, accrued benefits, cash gifts, inheritance amounts, interest income, standard dividend income from non-tax deferred annuities, retirement income, pension income, unemployment payments, worker's compensation payments, black lung payments, tort settlement payments, social security payments, court-mandated payments, payments from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or any other Federal programs, and any other income. The amount of current income will be stated in frequency of receipt, e.g., per week, per month. **NOTE:** *The electronic version of VA Form 10-10EC, Application for Extended Care Services, within the Veterans Information Systems Technology Architecture (VistA) represents an annual income; therefore, when entering monthly income a user must enter the monthly income amount followed by an asterisk (\*) (e.g., \$800\*).*

**b. Expenses** mean basic subsistence expenses, including current expenses for the following:

- (1) Rent or mortgage for primary residence;
- (2) Vehicle payment for one vehicle;
- (3) Food for veteran, veteran's spouse, and veteran's dependents;
- (4) Education for veteran, veteran's spouse, and veteran's dependents;
- (5) Court-ordered payments of veteran or veteran's spouse (e.g., alimony, child-support); and

(6) The average monthly expenses during the past year for the following:

- (a) Utilities and insurance for the primary residence;
- (b) Out-of-pocket medical care costs not otherwise covered by health insurance, health insurance premiums for the veteran, veteran's spouse, and veteran's dependents; and
- (c) Taxes paid on income or personal property.

**c. Fixed Assets** means real property and other non-liquid assets. This does not include:

- (1) Burial plots;
- (2). A residence, if the residence is:
  - (a) The primary residence of the veteran, and the veteran is receiving only non-institutional extended care service, or
  - (b). The primary residence of the veteran's spouse or the veteran's dependents (if the veteran does not have a spouse), if the veteran is receiving institutional extended care services;
- (3) Vehicle, if the vehicle is:
  - (a) The vehicle of the veteran, if the veteran is receiving only non-institutional extended care services: or
  - (b). The vehicle of the veteran's spouse (or the veteran's dependents if the veteran does not have a spouse), if the veteran is receiving institutional extended care services.

**(4.) Liquid assets means cash, stocks, dividends received from IRA, 401Ks and other tax-deferred annuities, bonds, mutual funds, and retirement accounts (e.g., IRA, 401Ks, annuities), art, rare coins, stamp collections and, collectibles of the veteran, spouse and dependents. This includes household and personal items (e.g., furniture clothing and jewelry) except when the veteran's spouse or dependents are living in the community.**

(5) When computing the value of liquid assets include:

- (a). Spousal allowance is an allowance of \$20 per day that is included only if the spouse resides in the community (not institutional).

**(b). Spousal resource protection. This amount means the value of liquid assets but not to exceed \$89,280 if the spouse is residing in the community (not institutionalized).**

(c). Veterans allowance of \$20 per day.

(6) The maximum amount of a co-payment for any month equals the co-payment amount of multiplied by the number of days in the month (table below lists daily amount of co-payment.

Institutional Nursing Home Care	\$97
Institutional Domiciliary Care	\$ 5
Institutional Geriatric Evaluation	\$97
Institutional Respite Care	\$97
Non-institutional Respite Care	\$15
Non-institutional Adult Day Health Care	\$15
Non-institutional Geriatric Evaluation	\$15

The co-payment for any month may be less than the amount specified above if the veteran provides information that the co-payment should be reduced or eliminated.

Veterans should be encouraged to submit a new 10-10EC when there are changes that might change the co-payment obligation (i.e., changes regarding marital status, fixed assets, **liquid assets**, expenses, income (when received, or whether the veteran has a spouse or dependents residing in the community), the veteran must report those changes to a VA medical facility within 10 days of the change.